

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 3 OF 2013

WHEREAS, across the Country "National Library Week" and also "The Week of the Young Child" will be celebrated during April 2013; and

WHEREAS, April, therefore, is an excellent time to raise awareness about the importance of early literacy skills and reading often to children; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Commonwealth Libraries in collaboration with other agencies is continuing the nationally recognized literacy initiative "Pennsylvania – One Book, Every Young Child", now in its eighth year, to also promote and raise awareness of the importance of early literacy; and

WHEREAS, "one book – one state" became the model and vehicle for involving adults in interactive reading with young children; and

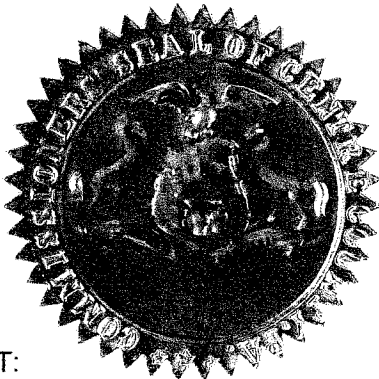
WHEREAS, the book "**The Bus for Us!**" by author and illustrator Suzanne Bloom will be read to children across Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Commonwealth Libraries will provide all 641 public libraries and outlets with "The Bus for Us!" in hopes of touching the life of "every young child" in the state; and

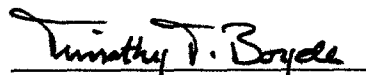
WHEREAS, a coalition of agencies across the County, including libraries, child care groups, doctor's offices and service organizations have joined together to promote the importance of early literacy activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of **April 2013** as "**The Book for Us Month**" in Centre County to reflect our commitment to sharing books with children and urges everyone to participate in this critically important initiative by reading to a young child now and often.

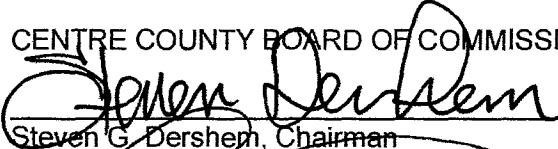
ADOPTED this 9th day of April, 2013



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